

**To:** Phil North/R10/USEPA/US@EPA[]  
**From:** Gwen Kittel  
**Sent:** Tue 1/4/2011 7:32:26 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Bristol Bay question

Hi Phil,  
Can we talk today at 4 pm MT (that's 2 pm AK time)?  
Cheers  
Gwen

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From: North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov [North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 4:44 PM  
To: Gwen Kittel  
Subject: RE: Bristol Bay question

Hi Gwen,  
Happy New Year to you too.

All the preliminary reports of PLP are on their web site. That is all there is for now.

The TNC meeting went well. The primary accomplishment was figuring out the logistics of getting their information. As it turns out they may not have as much as we thought, but we'll work through that in time. No big data dump.

The rest of the afternoon is filled up with calls. I'll call if one of them is short. Otherwise I will call tomorrow.

Thanks  
Phil

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From: Gwen Kittel <Gwen\_Kittel@natureserve.org>  
To: Phil North/R10/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 01/03/2011 01:13 PM  
Subject: RE: Bristol Bay question

Hi Phil,  
Happy New Year.  
Can we touch base today about Bristol Bay? According to our contract,  
the watershed cumulative analysis plan is due this Friday.  
Do you have any preliminary reports from the mining company you can send  
me?  
How did your meeting with TNC go?  
Lets chat soon  
Cheers  
Gwen

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gwen Kittel  
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 10:44 AM  
To: 'North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov'  
Cc: Hough.Palmer@epamail.epa.gov  
Subject: RE: Bristol Bay question

Hi Phil,  
I'm on a call just prior to that time, so I won't be able to phone in,  
Let me know what you learn.  
Cheers  
Gwen

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From: North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 4:47 PM  
To: Gwen Kittel  
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Subject: RE: Bristol Bay question

## **Ex. 5 - Deliberative**

We are meeting with TNC next Wednesday (29th) at 10 am AKST to discuss

spatial data. The call in number is Non-Responsive if you want to participate. I won't have anything from them before that.

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To: Phil North/R10/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Palmer Hough/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 12/21/2010 01:33 PM  
Subject: RE: Bristol Bay question

Hi Phil,  
Can you send me any of those preliminary reports?  
Who are you working with at TNC? This will help us get up to speed on the background information.  
And yes we'd want watershed-wide and multi impact threats to be treated.  
Geographic question for you, It looks to me like reasonable boundaries for our assessment area would encompass  
Four 8 digit USGS HUCs  
19030302-- Mulchatna River  
19030303- Lower Nushagak River  
19030205 - Lake Clark  
19030206- Lake Iliamna

These boundaries are attached as jpgs, but you can view them on line at <http://water.usgs.gov/wsc/sub/1903.html>

Cheers  
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From: North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 3:23 PM  
To: Gwen Kittel  
Cc: Hough.Palmer@epamail.epa.gov  
Subject: Re: Bristol Bay question

Hi Gwen,

I would be interested in being trained so I can do analysis. It might also be useful to have the UAA folks trained. Becky, who is working with Dan, has GIS expertise so once the system is set up she may be able to be the technician who runs scenarios.

We have some geochemical data and some hydrologic data from the company and expect to get more in January. There may be a fine scale DEM included as well. But there is more threat here than the one mine. And we would like to look at more than mining. So yes, we would like to look at the watershed as appropriate for each threat.

The mining company, with the currently proposed mine, submitted a plan in 2006. Then they discovered the deposit was much bigger. They withdrew that proposal and have not submitted a new plan. We don't expect to get a new plan until 2012.

That is not to say we have no information. There is a plan for state roads published in the State of Alaska's Bristol Bay Area Plan. This is essentially a roadless area so all proposals are for new roads. I hope that will be useful. For mining we have the elements of the 2006 proposal (mine, waste facilities, road, pipeline and port). We know where, or can find out where, other exploration is occurring in the watershed. And we know a lot about mining technology. We also plan to comb the Corps of Engineers historic files to see what other activities have occurred in the watershed that we might consider a threat to salmon resources.

TNC has spatial data that they are willing to share. But I do not know what is included.

Do we need to discuss all this on a call?

Phil

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To: Phil North/R10/USEPA/US@EPA, Palmer  
Hough/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 12/20/2010 11:47 AM  
Subject: Bristol Bay question

Hi Phil,  
For the Bristol Bay Cumulative watershed analysis, would you be interested in being trained so you can add data and run scenarios yourself?  
We can include training and data transfer as part of the proposal.  
Or would you prefer a one-time analysis that we do for you?

Also, have you any idea what data may be available from what the mine company as collected? We are assuming that what they do have would be limited to the mine location and immediate surrounding environs, nothing watershed-side.

We'll also need the proposed mine footprint and depth, and the infrastructure they plan to build to serve the mine.  
Do you have access to any of that type of basic information?

Cheers,  
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From: North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov]  
Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 1:18 PM  
To: Gwen Kittel; Hough.Palmer@epamail.epa.gov  
Subject: Fw: Mining Experts

Gwen and Palmer,  
Here are some names of mining experts suggested by Dave Chambers.

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----- Forwarded by Phil North/R10/USEPA/US on 12/20/2010 11:17 AM -----

From: "David Chambers"  
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To: Phil  
North/R10/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 12/20/2010 10:51 AM  
Subject: Mining Experts

Phil:

Sorry to be so long in coming up with a couple of names, but I wanted to get you some quality recommendations that you could use.

Johnnie N. Moore, Professor of Geosciences, University of Montana,  
Missoula, MT

Email: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

see:

[http://www.umt.edu/geosciences/faculty/moore/J\\_N\\_Moore\\_WebPage/J\\_N\\_Moore\\_WebPage.html](http://www.umt.edu/geosciences/faculty/moore/J_N_Moore_WebPage/J_N_Moore_WebPage.html)

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Dave

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